

## Water Security Committee News

The Water Security Committee held it's 4<sup>th</sup> annual Water Security Summit entitled Real World Water Security on 6/6/07 with 68 participants and was a total success by all accounts. Presenters described case histories at Holland and Muskegon regarding the switch from gaseous chlorine, the AWWA national security perspective, the Michigan State Police E Team web based communication system, microbial risks in water supplies, the Bay City emergency generators case history, the Muskegon Vulnerability Assessment capital improvement projects, real time monitoring at the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers, and the history of national water security issues. Thanks go to Bill Maier, Assistant Chair, of the Lansing Board of Water and Light, and Tom Smith, of Prein and Newhof, who moderated and were key in making this conference a success.

Conference presentations are available on the MDEQ water and wastewater web site under Water Security Summit Presentations Index under Information and under the 2007 conference.

Hot off the press WARN brochures were handed out at the conference due in no small measure to the great work of MDEQ Water Bureau graduate student intern Jodi Van Beek. Ms. Van Beek was instrumental in getting MI WARN off the ground. WARN stands for Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network. WARN is under development and Terry Biederman of Waterford Township

is Chair of the MI WARN Steering Committee and will be directing the implementation of the MI WARN.

The Water Security Committee is always interested in new members. We only meet 3 times per year and provide important water security information.

Michigan Water Security Summit June 6, 2007  
Lansing, Michigan



Bob Babcock, MDEQ Water Bureau Security and Emergency Response Coordinator. Along side Jodi VanBeek, Graduate Student Assistant in WARN network.



James Van De Wege, Holland BPW Water Plant Superintendent.  
Presentation: Cities of Holland & Muskegon Gaseous De-chlorination Removal Decision  
& Liquid Chlorine Current Operations.



J. Alan Roberson, P.E., Director of Security and Regulatory Affairs, AWWA.  
Presentation: Water Security Issues – The Federal Perspective.



Dan Sibbo, Chief, Technical & Operational Support Section, Emergency Mgmt & Homeland Security Division (EMHSD), MI State Police.  
Presentation: Michigan E-Team Web Based Emergency Communications.



Dr. Tomoyuki Shibata, Michigan State University Center for Advancing Microbial Risk Assessment (CAMRA).  
Presentation: Advances in Microbial Risks Toward Enhanced Water Supply Security.





John DeKam, City of Bay City WTP Superintendent.  
Presentation: Emergency Generator – Security Expense or Daily Operational Asset.



Robert Veneklasen, City of Muskegon WTP Superintendent.  
Presentation: Vulnerability Assessment Capital Improvements.



Brock Howard, MDEQ Environmental Engineer.  
Presentation: St. Clair & Detroit rivers Real Time Monitoring.



Ed Kuley, Ortech Environmental Inc. & Sarnia-Lambton Environmental Assoc. (SLEA).  
Presentation: St. Clair River Real Time Monitoring at the Courtright Station.



Clyde Dugan, AWWA National Committee Member.  
Presentation: National Drinking Water Security Issues.